available with him, we too are in the same position. I may inform the hon. Gentleman that we are not in a peculiar and advantageous footing.''

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—'' ప్రభుత్వం ఈ చిన్న సమాచారాన్ని గురించి Central Government నుంచి తెప్పించుకోనేనటువంటి స్థితిలోవున్నదా ?''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' I want notice, Sir.''

Kanhirapuzha irrigation project, Malabar.

* 273 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the investigation report on Kanhirapuzha irrigation project, Malabar, and taken any decision on the report ; and

(*b*) what is the extent of the area that will be benefited by the project and what is the estimated cost of the project?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—'' (*a*) Yes. It is under examination.

'' (*b*) (i) About 24,000 acres ; and

(ii) Rs. 298 lakhs.''

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' In view of the fact that Malabar is a heavily deficit district and the report itself has been before the Government for a long time, will the Government be pleased to take an early decision in the matter? ''

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—'' May I know to which report the hon. Member is referring? ''

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' I refer to the investigation report, Sir.''

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—'' This scheme has been recommended for inclusion in the Supplementary Plan.''

Claims of pensioners of the former Pudukkottai State.

* 274 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of claims of pensioners retired from Pudukkottai State Service after merger (3rd March 1948) pending disposal (1) with the District Collector, (2) the Accountant-General's office, (3) the Sub-Collector of Pudukkottai ; and

(*b*) the number of claims of pensioners settled by the former Pudukkottai State Government on the eve of merger but now revised by the Madras Government as per Madras Pension Rules?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' (*a*) No cases of claims of pensioners retired from the ex-Pudukkottai State Service

after merger are now pending with the Collector of Tiruchirappalli. No cases are pending in the Accountant-General's office either. Eight cases are pending in the office of the Sub-Collector, Pudukkottai.

" (b) No pensions settled by the former Pudukkottai State have so far been revised by the Madras Government under the Madras Pension Rules. In the case of one Sri N. Muthiah Pillai, retired Tracer, Land Records Section, Dewan Peishkar's Office, Pudukkottai, the pension originally sanctioned under the Pudukkottai Rules by the Sub-Collector, Pudukkottai, was reduced subsequently at the instance of the Accountant-General. On a representation from the pensioner, the Government have examined the question and decided to restore the original pension."

First Grade Arts College for Women at Cannanore.

* 275 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the public of Cannanore have asked the Government to open a First Grade Arts College for Women at Cannanore for the past two or three years; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation in this behalf from the Municipal High School Parents' Association, Cannanore, wherein they offered to pay Rs. 1 lakh towards expenses, and if they have, what action the Government propose to take in this behalf?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government received representations last year and this year from the Municipal High School Parents' Association, Cannanore, and a resolution passed by the Municipal Council, Cannanore, in May 1952, requesting the opening of a First Grade Arts College for Women at Cannanore.

The Municipal High School Parents' Association, Cannanore, in their representation received in July 1952 promised to raise Rs. 1 lakh in the course of the year to meet a portion of the expenses towards the starting of a new College. In view of the opening of an aided Second Grade Arts College at Kozhikode by the management of the Providence High School, Kozhikode, during the current academic year and in view of the difficult financial position of the State, the proposal was deferred for the present."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN:—" In view of the fact that girl students are not getting admission into the Colleges at Kozhikode and other places, will the Government be pleased to reconsider this matter and allow the opening of the College, especially when the public are prepared to co-operate with the Government by donating funds for the College? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" The offer of the public will always be considered with sympathy. But in this case, the estimate for building is Rs. 10 lakhs and we cannot